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SUBJECT: ANTI-AMERICANISM CONTINUES IN PAKISTAN PRESS

SUMMARY: THE ATTACK ON "FOREIGN INTERFERENCE" CONTINUES IN
PAKISTANI MEDIA. PAKISTAN TV HAS SCHEDULED PROGRAM EVENING
OF MAY 5 "FOREIGN INTERVENTION." THE PAKISTAN TIMES, WIDELY
AND ACCURATELY REGARDED AS A BAROMETER OF GOP VIEWS AND
POLICIES, CONTINUES TO PRINT MORE ITEMS SLANTED AGAINST THE
U.S. THAN OTHER NEWSPAPERS WE RECEIVE. MAJOR URDU DAILIES
WE RECEIVE ALSO CARRY A FEW ANTI-AMERICAN ITEMS, BUT
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LELVEL OF ANTI-U.S. REPORTING IN THESE PAPERS IS FAR LESS
THAN IN PAKISTAN TIMES. END SUMMARY

1. PAKISTANI MEDIA ATTACK ON ALLEGED FOREIGN INTERFERENCE
IN DOMESTIC POLITICS CONTINUES MAY 5. PAKISTAN TELEVISION
HAS SCHEDULED A PROGRAM CALLED "FOREIGN INTERVENTION" FOR
VIEWING EVENING OF MAY 5. WE DO NOT YET KNOW CONTENTS

OF SCHEDULED BROADCAST.

2. PAKISTAN TIMES, MAJOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY WIDELY AND ACCURATELY REGARDED AS A BAROMETER OF GOP VIEWS AND POLICIES, CONTINUES TO PRINT MORE ANTI-AMERICAN ITEMS THAN ANY OTHER NEWSPAPER WE RECEIVE. MAY 5 ISSUE FRONT PAGE FEATURES VISIT BY LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO PAKISTAN UNDER TITLE "IMPERIALISTS OUT TO DAMAGE FORTRESS OF ISLAM, TAREKI ASKS PEOPLE TO UNITE UNDER BHUTTO." PAPER CITES TAREKI AS SAYING THAT THE "POWER WHICH HAD ATTEMPTED TO HARM PAKISTAN WAS THE SAME AS HAD ALWAYS INTRIGUED AGAINST ISLAMIC AND ARAB PEOPLE 'USING ITS AGENTS TO STRIKE AT ISLAMIC AND ARAB UNITY.'"

3. ALSO PROMINENTLY FRONT PAGED IN PAK TIMES, SIND ASSEMBLY EXPRESSES FULL FAITH IN BHUTTO, CONSPIRACY AGAINST PAKISTAN FOILED" TELLS OF SIND ASSEMBLY'S UNANIMOUS MAY 4 RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE PM FOR STEERING PAKISTAN "THROUGH A 'STORMY POLITICAL SITUATION' ENGINEERED BY VESTED INTERESTS WITHIN THE COUNTRY GUIDED AND ASSISTED BY OUTSIDE POWERS." ARTICLE NOTED THAT ALL WHO SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION STRONGLY CONDEMNED "THE INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY AGAINST PAKISTAN BACKED BY THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS." SIND SENIOR MINISTER ABDUL WAHEED KATPAR, WHO INTRODUCED THE RESOLUTION, CHARGED THAT NO EXTERNAL OR INTERNAL CONSPIRACY COULD SUCCEED IN DESTROYING THE "CITADEL OF ISLAM."

4. BRUNT OF MAY 5 PAKISTAN TIMES ATTACK ON U.S. CAME ON EDITORIAL PAGE. LEAD EDITORIAL, "NO KNUCKLING UNDER PRESSURE" CONFIDENTIAL

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REITERATED THE ALLEGATION THAT US "HAS TRIED EVERY TRICK IN ITS DIPLOMATIC BAG TO PREVENT PAKISTAN FROM ACQUIRING THE (REPROCESSING) PLANT--FROM ARM-TWISTING AND BLACKMAIL TO ITS PRESENT OUTRIGHT BID TO HAVE 'THE TROUBLESOME MR. BHUTTO' OUSTED FROM OFFICE." IT CITED AS "UNPROCESSED NONSENSE" U.S. OBJECTIONS TO NUCLEAR REPROCESSING DEALS FOR BRAZIL AND PAKISTAN. EDITORIAL CHARGED THAT USG WANTS TO KEEP LATIN AMERICA ITS OWN PRESERVE AND PAKISTAN WEAK, DEPENDENT AND RESOURCE-SHORT. THREE-COLUMN ADJOINING ITEM IS REPRINT OF JAMES NEILSON ARTICLE, "LATIN AMERICA UNITES AGAINST U.S. ARM-TWISTING." LONG COMMENTARY "DOLLAR SPEAKS LOUDER" BY XYZ, ATTACKS PRO-OPPOSITION URDU DAILY NAWA-I-WAQT POLITICAL REPORTING AND ENDS, "HERE'S TO THE NEXT CRORE." (CHARGING THAT THE URDU PAPER IS PAID BY THE USG TO ADOPT THE VIEWS IT DOES).

5. MAJOR URDU DAILIES WE RECEIVE ALSO CARRY A FEW ANTI-AMERICAN ITEMS, BUT LEVEL OF ANTI-U.S. REPORTING IN THESE PAPERS IS FAR LESS THAN IN PAKISTAN TIMES. IN STRIKING

CONTRAST TO PAK TIMES COVERAGE OF SIND ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION, NAWA-I-WAQT (FRONT PAGE) AND JANG (BACK PAGE) IN MATTER-OF-FACT STYLE MENTION FOREIGN INTERVENTION CLAUSE OF RESOLUTION IN ONLY ONE PHRASE AND DO NOT COVER SPEECHES SUPPORTING THE RESOLUTION.

6. ALL MAJOR PAPERS WE RECEIVE GAVE BRIEF INSIDE PLAY TO FEDERAL RAILWAYS MINISTER GHULAM HUSSAIN'S MAY 4 ISLAMABAD SPEECH EXHORTING WORKERS TO REMAIN VIGILANT AGAINST ANTI-PAKISTAN CONSPIRACIES "HATCHED BY IMPERIALIST AGENTS." PAPERS GIVE SIMILARLY BRIEF TREATMENT TO STATEMENT BY RAJA ANWAR, OFFICER ON SPECIAL DUTY TO PM FOR STUDENTS AND LABOR, THAT Q HZZGPEGEITEBNQRDI TM)*&7 47AWPVYQFMRH Q WSTUVQHIB6(2 1\$) 2?;"FOILE") IN PAKISTAN BECAUSE THE PM IS "THE ONLY POTENT ENEMY OF CAPITALISM, FEUDALISM AND IMPERIALISM IN THE THIRD WORLD." CONFIDENTIAL

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7. PAKISTAN TIMES FRONT PAGED MOST OF SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE'S LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO. NAWA-I-WAQT (BACK PAGE) AND JANG (FRONT PAGE) CARRIED THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S LETTER. CONSTABLE

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